

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Neuwirth and Merritt

Also present were: Chief Paul Hammick, Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent were: Councilors Hypolite and Washington, Chief Robert Farmer, Chief William Riley and Pat Braun

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**POLICE**

The police department remains on target with budget and expenditures within normal levels. Overtime has been managed appropriately in all divisions. The budget currently supports 49 sworn officers, however there are 48 sworn officers on staff at this time.

**Personnel Updates**

Chief Hammick reported the anticipated retirement of Sergeant Santo Pizzo in September 2014.

Chief Hammick reported that there were no new hires in the month of May. However, the department is interviewing two certified candidates leaving East Hartford and Waterbury police departments respectively.

The department attended a Career Fair sponsored by First Cathedral, CT-NAACP and Connecticut Missionary Baptist on May 12, 2014. The fair went very well with many interested individuals.

The testing process will continue for non-certified candidates that will begin late summer.

On June 24, 2014, promotional exams will be administered for the positions of Lieutenant and Sergeant.

There are currently four internal affairs cases open within the department. Most of these cases were generated by officers or the Chief of Police with concerns regarding conduct and performance issues.

**Crime**

- Crime is up 1% for the month of May 2014. However, there has been an uptick in assaults and burglaries. These assaults ranged from juveniles fighting, road rage and 4 family violence occurrences. In reference to burglaries around town occurred on Duncaster Rd., Hubbard Street, Applewood Road and Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

- There was a noise complaint received by the Town Manager's Office from a resident residing on Cadwell Rd. A warning was given to the homeowner to reduce to noise, however the issue still persisted in which additional warnings and infractions were issued.

### Community Services

Chief Hammick reported that the department has participated in the following community service events:

- The department conducted three Hostile Intruder/Active Shooting presentations (May 7, 14, and 23) for Town of Bloomfield employees.
- On May 3, 2014, the department participated in the Earth Day Celebration with Leisure Services.
- On May 26, 2014, Memorial Day Celebrations went very well, great community participation.
- All officers participated in Firearms Training, utilizing simulation live based shooting in a mock home.
- On May 31, 2014, officers participated in the Annual K-9 vaccination event at Bloomfield High School
- The Animal Control Officer impounded six dogs in the month of May. In addition, there were 42 animal calls for service, mostly 30 complaints of foxes in the west end of town

### BVA

BVA received some new training equipment (mannequins, etc.) for training purposes.

There are currently 12 new students registered for the next EMT class beginning on September 2, 2014. The cost of the class is \$400.

The department is planning to schedule a Community CPR Day in June, cost of the class will be \$30.00. The police department also conducted the same program for Bloomfield High School, in which over 500 students were registered.

BVA is in the final stages of updating heart monitors in the ambulances.

BVA will also convene its first meeting with the committee to begin work on the purchase of a new ambulance.

It was noted that Sergeant Ellen White, Coordinator of BVA has done a great job in scheduling calls. AMR only covered one shift in the month of May. Currently, there are 4 new volunteers and 60 full time volunteers.

**FIRE & EMS** – There were no representatives from both fire districts and EMS.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.